

Banks.

THE
YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1856
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL Yen 12,000,000
PAID-UP FUND 9,000,000
RESERVE FUND 3,000,000

Head Office: YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agents:
Kobe
London
San Francisco
Bombay
New York
Lyons
Honolulu
Shanghai

LONDON BANKERS:
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LD.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, LD.
HONGKONG AGENCY: INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent
per Annum on the daily balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.

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S. CHOH, Agent.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1898.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorized Capital £1,000,000
Paid up Capital £324,374
HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:
D. Gillies, Esq.
J. T. Laid, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.
Chow Tung Shing, Esq.
Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.
Chief Manager,
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
On Current Account, Daily Balances 2 per
Cent. per Annum.
Hongkong, 30th November, 1897.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £10,000,000
RESERVE FUND £8,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROFITORS £10,000,000

Court of Directors:
Hon. J. J. DILL-IRVING, Chairman.
R. M. GRAY, Deputy Chairman.
C. Beaumont, Esq.
G. D. Belling, Esq.
G. B. Dodwell, Esq.
David Gubbay, Esq.
A. Hargreaves, Esq.
A. I. Raymond, Esq.
R. L. Richardson, Esq.
R. Shewan, Esq.
N. A. Siebs, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong: T. JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER:
Shanghai: J. P. WADDE GARDNER, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS: LONDON AND COUNTY
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG: INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent.
per Annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2 1/2 per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3 1/2 per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 1/2 per Cent. per Annum.
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1898.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 PER
CENT. per annum.
Depositors may transfer at their option
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED
DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP £300,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS £300,000
RESERVE FUND £375,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per
annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.

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T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, and June, 1897.

THE MICASTOS FACTORY.

Mr. C. HOLDSWORTH,
Superintendent at Works,
Sanktusan Road,
Hongkong.

THE GENERAL MANAGERS are prepared
to enter into contracts for covering boilers
and steam pipes with either Mica or Asbestos
Compositions at the following quotations:-
55 cts. per superficial square foot for boilers.

Exposed Steam Pipes needing extra wrapping
and Canvas and tar dressing will be treated with
the above Compositions at \$1.05 per superficial
square foot.

A Stock of the Compositions is kept ready for
sale packed in 5 cwt. casks. Price for ten lots
\$100 per ton F.O.B. or in smaller quantities at
\$5 per cwt. F.O.B.

All works will be under the personal super-
vision of Mr. Holdsworth and all orders must be
sent through the undersigned.
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1898.

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS

YOKOHAMA & c. *Mantle* R. L. Haddock, R.N.R. Noon 24th Mar. Freight or Passage.SHANGHAI *Verona* C. H. S. Tocco, R.N.R. About 1st April. Freight or Passage.LONDON *Socotra* J. Paine, R.N.R. About 2nd April. Freight only.LONDON *Birnis* F. C. A. Lyon, R.N.R. About 2nd April. Freight or Passage.YOKOHAMA & c. *Rosalia* E. P. Bishop Daylight 5th April. Freight or Passage.LONDON *Sunda* S. G. D. Andrews, R.N.R. About 14th April. Freight or Passage.

* (Passing through the Inland Sea).

For Further Particulars apply to

Hongkong, 21st March, 1898.

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

THE
CLUB HOTEL,
LIMITED.

No. 5-B, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL Centrally situated, well furnished and
supplied with excellent Cuisine and Good Wines.

The Company's Steam-launch attends the arrival and departure of all
Mail Steamers.

Special attention paid to the Comfort of Visitors.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager.

Yokohama, 1st October, 1897.

WE can give nearly 20 per cent. better value by bottling Whisky
here, for not only is there a great saving in freight and bottling
charges, but it is much improved by the sea voyage. We buy direct from
the Distillers, always maintain the quality and give the best value possible.
Our speciality is

"CLUB" WHISKY AT \$12.00 PER DOZEN.

Try it and if you know anything about Whisky you will be satisfied.
Eighteen other brands kept in stock at prices ranging from \$7.00 to
\$18.00.

H. PRICE & CO.,
No. 12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1898.

CURRY

AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TRY THE



A perfect Table Water,
Quarts and Pints;
Unqualified for purity;
All ingredients used the best quality,
Recognized as the cheapest.
Is most suitable for mixing with Wines and Spirits;
Unrivalled and unquestionably the
Safest drinking Water in the World.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,
Sole Agents.

W. POWELL & CO.
FANCY DRESS
SPECIALITIES
W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1898.

Intimations.

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL
AGENCY, LIMITED.

SOLE AGENTS IN
HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,
FOR THE
UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON,
CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT.

MANUFACTURERS OF THE
Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS AND PACKINGS.
HYDRAULIC and SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS of all kinds.
"VICTOR" METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.
ASBESTOS SALAMANDER BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best quantities.
ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.

SUPERINTENDENT: THOS. SKINNER.

DODWELL CARLILL & Co., General Agents.

PEAK HOTEL.

1350 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL adjoining the Tramway Terminus. FINE HEALTHY LOCATION,
Commanding Magnificent View of the City and Harbour, the Mainland of China, and
numerous Islands. Cool southerly breezes in Summer, with perfect protection against the North-
East winds in winter.
A Covered Way has been constructed from the Station to the Hotel.

J. MARCESSE, *Chef de Cuisine*. GEO. J. CASANOVA, *Manager*.

CITY OFFICE, No. 7, Duddell Street.

THE PHARMACY.

HAVE NOW A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF ATKINSON'S PERFUMES AND ARE SOLE
MANUFACTURERS OF
WHITE HEATHER BOUQUET.

Sole Agents for VIN PASTEUR the great French Nerve Tonic.
Also Sole Agents for the now well-known JAPANESE TABLE WATER

TAN SAN.

FLETCHER & CO.

CARMICHAEL & CO.

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W. BREWER & CO.

JUST LANDED.

NEW AND LARGE STOCK OF LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S

BOOTS AND SHOES

BEST ENGLISH MAKE.

Queen's Road, Hongkong, 10th February, 1898.

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CHAMPAGNE.

G. H. MUMF & Co. 1 doz. quarts, 2 doz. pints.
\$35.50 \$37.50

WHISKY.

DEWAR'S "IMPERIAL INSTITUTE" 1 doz. bottle. \$10.50

MCCREADIE'S "SPECIALLY SELECTED" 1 doz. bottle. \$10.50

PORT WINE.

GUEDS "3 GRAPE" BRAND 1 doz. bottle. \$14.00

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Praya Central.

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A STARTLER!!

LIFE AND STRENGTH

IN EVERY DROP. Good, and good only.
Yet nothing intoxicating or harmful. Power and suppleness for the Muscles, warmth and richness for the Blood, steadiness for the
Nerves, and clearness for the Head, follow the use of

CHAMPAGNE BITTERS.

It seems to contain those subtle principles of VITALITY which elude analysis. Under its
influence the HEART beats strongly and regularly, the Fancy plays more freely, the
Mind is active and acute, and the capacity for Work and
Enjoyment increases.

THIS RARE TONIC-STIMULANT ABATES PAIN, BANISHES FATIGUE,
AND HASTENS CONVALESCENCE.

Splendid for the Aged and for Chronic Invalids.

CHAMPAGNE BITTERS.

WATKINS & CO. Apothecaries Hall.

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DENTISTRY.

DR SUI SANG,
(Lately Practising with Dr. I. SAKATA),
DENTIST,
No. 8, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 6th February, 1898.

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TO SHIPMASTERS.

ENQUIRE where your FRESH WATER is
obtained by the Water Boats; as FOUL
WATER is the cause of much sickness on
board Ship.
We are the only Water-Boat Company in
Hongkong exclusively supplying FILTERED
WATER.

Call Flag "W."
J. W. KEW & Co.,
STEAM WATER-BOAT CO.,
18, Praya Central,
Hongkong, 7th October, 1897.

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Notice of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned Firms have This Day
been amalgamated and will in future
carry on the business under the Name and Style
of SANDER, WIELER & CO.
All Assets and Liabilities of the former firms
have been taken over by the new firm.

SANDER & CO.
WIELER & CO.

Office, No. 10, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 1st March, 1898.

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THE "STAR" FERRY SERVICE.

BETWEEN
(HONGKONG AND KOWLOON)

ALTERATIONS OF RATES OF MONTHLY
TICKETS.

OWING to the greatly increased cost of coal,
superior accommodation and an accel-
erated service being provided, I am unavoidably
compelled to raise the rates of MONTHLY
TICKETS from the 1st of March, 1898 as
under:-

SINGLE MONTHLY TICKET \$5

FAMILY \$9

Servants are not included in Monthly Tickets.

DORABJEE NOWROJEE,
Hongkong, 24th February, 1898.

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NOTICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS.

AMERICAN CITIZENS residing in the
CONJUGAL DISTRICT OF CANTON, which
includes SANSHUI, WUCHOW, MACAO,
SWATOW, HOIHOW and PAKHOI, are
REQUESTED to REGISTER at the Consulate
either personally or by certificate setting forth
the date and place of birth and last residence in
the United States.

The advantages of registration are obvious
and may prove of value in time of need.

There is no fee or charge for registration.

EDWARD BEDLOE,
U.S. Consul.

United States Consulate,
CANTON, China, 1st February, 1898.

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Insurances.

THE
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE
COMPANY

has a long record of GOOD SERVICES to
refer to; its FUNDS, annually increasing,
amount to £8,086,402 Stg. The premiums are
moderate; and all modern features consistent
with safety have been adopted.

For Particulars and Rates,
Apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1896.

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NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above
Company are prepared to accept First
Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at
CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1895.

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GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 500,000 \$833,333-33
EQUAL TO \$318,000.00
RESERVE FUND \$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YUK MOON, Esq.
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER: HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 3 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1894.

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NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 11th May, 1894.

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Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

(IN LIQUIDATION).

NOTICE is hereby given that a SECOND
and FINAL RETURN of CAPITAL
amounting to \$2.75 per Share has been declared
in this matter.

Upon delivery of Scrip to the Liquidator for
Cancellation at his Office on or after the 21st
instant each Shareholder will receive an Order
on the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI CORPORA-
TION in full settlement of his Claim against the
Company.

Shareholders who have not collected yet the
First Return of Capital, amounting to \$7.50 per
share, declared on the 31st August, 1897, are
requested to do so without further delay to
enable the final winding-up of this Company.

Hongkong, 8th day of March, 1898.

J. GOOSMANN,
Liquidator.

c/o Messrs. MELCHERS & Co.,
Praya Central.

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H.M.S. "IMMORTALITE."

ATHLETIC SPORTS

TO BE HELD IN
HAPPY VALLEY
ON
THURSDAY, 24th March,
Commencing at 12.30 P.M.,
by kind permission of
CAPTAIN CHICHESTER and OFFICERS.

The prizes will be distributed by
MRS. HOLLAND.

JUDGES: Commander LUSCOMBE,
Lieutenant THORP,
Lieutenant McCLEMMOCK,
Surgeon JEANS.

STARTERS: Lieutenant BUTTERWORTH,
Rev. GORDON VAUDIN,
Mr. WATSON,
Lieutenant LUNNY, R.N.R.

TIMEKEEPER: Mr. HALAHAN.

COMMITTEE:
Sergt. H. JUDGE, F. VEALE, P.O. 1.
C. S. H. SMITH, J. STEPHENS, P.O. 1.
C. E. R. A. W. MUHAM, F. WOOLLEY, P.O. 2.

The Band of H.M.S. *Immortalite*, under the
conductorship of Mr. A. D. SHARP, will attend
during the afternoon.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

Approximate Times for each Race.

12.45 p.m. 1-10 YARDS 1st and 2nd

1.00 do 2-Throwing the Cricket Ball 3 4

1.15 do 3-Walking Race (1 mile) 3 4

1.30 do 4-Long Jump 4 2 1

1.45 do 5-Quarter Mile 10 5 3

2.00 do 6-Veteran's Race 8 4 2

2.15 do 7-Heaving the Lead 4 2 1

2.30 do 8-Half Mile 12 8 4

2.45 do 9-Egg Race 10 5 3

3.00 do 10-Sack Race 6 3 1

3.15 do 11-Quarter Mile (open) 12 8 4

3.30 do 12-Bicycle Race 6 3 1

3.45 do 13-Ambulance Race 6 3 1

3.50 do 14-Beer and Egg Race 8 4 2

4.00 do 15-Three-legged Race 12 8 4</

Today's
Advertisements.THEATRE ROYAL
CITY HALL.Under the direction of Mr. ROBERT BROUGH.
Representative—Mr. HAMILTON.THIS EVENING.
(WEDNESDAY), the 23rd March, 1898.
Commencing at 8 P.M.LAST SIX NIGHTS
OF THE
BROUGH COMEDY COMPANY.THIS EVENING at 8 P.M.
"THE SECOND MRS. TANQUERAY"
"THE SECOND MRS. TANQUERAY"
"THE SECOND MRS. TANQUERAY"
By A. W. PINERO.FRIDAY and SATURDAY,
25th and 26th March.
"THE PASSPORT"
"THE PASSPORT"
"THE PASSPORT"
An Original Farce Comedy, by B. C. STREPHENSON and W. YARDLEY. Adapted from Colonel Savage's Celebrated Novel "My Official Wife."MONDAY, 28th March.
"A PAIR OF SPECTACLES"
By SYDNEY GRUNDY.TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY,
29th and 30th March.
In consequence of Mr. BROUGH having
granted the use of the Theatre for the Ball to
be given in honour of H.R.H. PRINCE HENRY,
there will be no performance on these nights.THURSDAY, 31st March.
LAST NIGHT OF THE SEASON!
"DANDY DICK"
By A. W. PINERO.PRICES OF ADMISSION.
DRESS CIRCLE and ORCHESTRA STALLS 3s
STALLS 2s
PIT 1s

Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform Half Price to the Pit only.

Doors open 8.15 P.M. Curbles 9 P.M.
Box Plan now open at the ROYAL HALL, 100, Queen's Road, where seats can be booked (and the tickets obtained) six weeks in advance. A Late Train for the Peak will leave each evening fifteen minutes after the termination of the performance.
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1898. [330]

SCIENTIFIC PALMISTRY.

MRS. JOSEPH NORTH, PHRENOLOGIST,
DISCOVERER OF CHARACTER, PAST,
PRESENT & FUTURE EVENTS, ADVICE IN
BUSINESS, HEALTH & MARRIAGE.
Evening parties and at home, attended.
CONSULTING HOURS, 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.
or by appointment.
W.S. GIVEN,
Manager.HONGKONG HOTEL,
Room No. 134.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1898. [410]W.S. GIVEN,
ARTIST.has the pleasure to introduce to the Public of
Hongkong his

CRAYON PORTRAITS.

These are drawn from life, or from Photo-
graphs of any kind, in every style and made to
any size as desired. Samples on view at his
studio, No. 58 HONGKONG HOTEL.
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1898. [419]

HONGKONG ODD VOLUMES SOCIETY.

COMMODORE HOLLAND, A.D.C., has
kindly consented to deliver a lecture on
"THE SUN," in the Chamber of Commerce
room at the City Hall, this afternoon at 5.15 P.M.
Mr. T. JACKSON will take the chair.HENRY Z. POLLOCK,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1898. [427]

A BALL will be given in honour of
H.R.H. PRINCE HENRY OF PRUSSIA,
by the Civil Community of Hongkong,
ON

TUESDAY, 29th March, 1898.

INTENDING Subscribers are requested to
notify the undersigned with as little delay
as possible, or sign the List to be found at1-HONGKONG CLUB
2-GERMAN CLUB
3-LUSITANO CLUB
4-NEW CLUB.Messrs. KELLY & WALSH,
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.DAVID WOOD,
Hon. Secretary.Invitation Committee.
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1898. [428]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

FOR SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"JASON,"

Captain Lyett, will be despatched TO-
MORROW, the 24th instant, at 10 A.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1898. [429]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR TAKOW AND T. IWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship

"KALGAN,"

Captain Bennet, will be despatched as above
on SATURDAY, the 26th instant, at 10 A.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1898. [429]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"SUISANG,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their
Goods will be delivered from alongside.Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on
board after NOON of the 25th inst., will be landed
at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns
at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Hills of Ladang will be countermanded by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1898. [434]

Today's
Advertisement.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP,
SOUTHAMPTON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"KANAGAWA MARU,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed and placed at their risk in the
Godowns and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
goods are landed.Optional goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before 5 P.M.
TO-DAY.Goods not cleared by the 30th instant will be
subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

All ship-damaged packages must be left in the
Godowns and a certificate of the damage
obtained from the Godown Company and sent
in to this Office within ten days after the
vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will
be recognised.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1898. [342]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK &
COMPANY.VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are
made under the constant supervision of a duly
qualified English Chemist and will bear com-
parison with the best English Manufacturers.
Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSENGERS and
other Large Consumers.Any complaints should be addressed to the
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [30]

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG
TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY
REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS
MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES & SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London
House, bought direct at first hand, imported in
wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all
intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply
the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on
Application.PORT after removal should be rested a month
before use. When required for drinking at
once it should be ordered to be decanted at
the Dispensary before being sent out.SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner
Wines of very superior Vintages. All are
true Xeres Wines.CLARET.—Our Claret, including the lowest
priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine
product of the juice of the grape and are
not artificially made from raisins and
currants, as is generally the case with Cheap
Wines.BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to
be pure Cognac, the difference in price
being merely a question of age and vintage.WHISKY.—All our Whisky is of excellent
quality and of greater age than most brand
in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY
marked "E" is universally popular, and is
procured by the best local consignors to
be superior to any other brand in the
Hongkong market.We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to
be genuine when bought direct from us in the
Colony or from our authorised Agents at the
Continent.

A. S. WATSON & CO., L.D.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY

Hongkong, 8th December, 1897. [7]

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1898.

REUTER'S MESSAGE.

THE INDIAN BUDGET.

LONDON, March 21st.

The Indian Budget shows a deficit of five
crores and twenty-eight lacs. Exchange fixed
at 15 1/2. [A crore being ten millions, the deficit
is Rs. 52,800,000.]The Secretary of State draws Rs. 16,000,000,
and borrows Rs. 6,000,000 from England and
three crores [Rs. 30,000,000] from India.

QUARANTINE IN SAIGON.

The Acting Colonial Secretary transmits to
us the following telegram for publication:—

SAIGON, 21st March, 1898.

"Secretary."

"Hongkong."

"Nine days' quarantine on arrivals from
Hongkong."

"Colonel."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The buying rate for sovereigns is \$16.60 per £.

For selling options without a licence a penalty
of £100 is fixed in default of six
weeks' hard labour.INSPECTOR DUNCAN is waging a most persistent
war on the illegal weights and measures people
to day he had a culprit fined \$15.THE German Reichstag is said to be the cheap-
est of all the parliaments of Europe. Its total
expenses for last year have been only £43,500.DURING the year just closed the tonnage which
passed through the Suez Canal was twice that which passed
through the Great Lakes.THE New Zealand old age pensions bill provides
that persons of good character attaining 65 and
having resided for twenty years in the colony
shall be entitled to a pension of £38 annually.BERLIN has a new cycle cab. The passenger
sits in front in a seat over two wheels. The
thing has three wheels, one in the rear. Above
the rear wheel a man with muscular legs sits
and works the pedals.THE conclusion of the French racing season
finds Mr. Menier at the top of the list of win-
ners, with £15,000. The next is the Viscount
d'Harcourt, £11,500. Then comes Baron
Schickler with £10,000.In consequence of numerous inquiries we regret to
say that it is a fact that Mrs. Schmidt, pro-
prietress of the arms shop, Queen's Road Central,
has been pronounced to be suffering from plague
and is now under isolation.As the result of enquiries we regret to say that
Miss Hardy, of the Brough Company, is ill at
the Hospital. There have been alarming rum-
ours but these are entirely incorrect as the
symptoms have not sufficiently developed to show
that it is really so.COMMANDER Hastings R.N., has a very fine
idea of the harmony of things. To-day a collier
paraded before him was charged with stealing ten
cents' worth of fireworks, and to "make the
punishment fit the crime" His Worship sent the
delinquent to goal for 20 days.The adjourned decision on Cap. Anderson's
Paper "The Corrosion of Iron and Steel and its
Cause" will take place at the Institution of En-
gineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong on Friday,
25th inst., at 9 p.m. Visitors (introduced by
Members) are cordially invited.For the temporary relief of the unemployed
during seasons of industrial distress the Belgian
Government has adopted a law which provides
for feeding, lodging and clothing the unfor-
tunate in return for work on the streets, the
garbage dumps and public improvements.For being a rogue and a vagabond wandering
abroad, sleeping in the open air, having no
visible means of subsistence, and being a full
sized bad character generally, a dispossessed look-
ing Chinaman was to-day ordered to do six
weeks' service to the Government of Hongkong.Our every too young man inscribed for mili-
tary service in 1861 in Italy scarcely forty-two
were found fit for service, forty-nine were either
held over till the following year or rejected al-
together, while the remaining also represented
the deserters. It is a sad state of affairs.The causes to the backward condition of hygiene in
remote localities, poor food, bad schools and the
complete absence of an organized system of
gymnastics for youth.AT 9.30 last night the Hongkong firemen were
called out for fire in Praya West. Like the
Dockyard call earlier in the day it was a false
alarm and our fire brigade returned to quarters
using language which made the air round their
heads for a considerable time after.If people would only take the trouble to find out
whether there is a real fire or not before turning
out a lot of hard working men to no purpose they
would save a great deal of unnecessary trouble.A CORRESPONDENT of the Times draws a pretty
picture of the way the Greek treated the vol-
unteers who were sent to fight them. He says that
a party of twenty-nine Englishmen before they
went to the front looked at their private belong-
ings in a room in the Students' Club in Athens.
When they returned everything of value had been
stolen. Of all their belongings only a hat that was
left was his oldest pair of trousers, and one cot-
ton jacket. In other cases the thieves had
killed a man or a pair of socks
an outfit, while the writer had a black lock
coat and a pair of blue cycling breeches left to
come home to. After many applications, the
Prime Minister compensated them for their losses
with the magnificent sum of 35, 50, 100, &c.A MEETING of the Sanitary Board will be held
to-morrow, Thursday, at 4.15 p.m. Order of
the Day:—Draft By-laws to be made under sub-
section 22 of section 13 of Ordinance 24 of 1887
for regulating the manufacture and sale of
poisons and the sale of unclean and adulterated
drugs. Agenda. Return showing the pro-
gress of plague in Bombay from 1st to 15th
February. Report of Committee on the enforce-
ment of bye-laws 6 and 7, schedule A, to
Ordinance 17 of 1887. A letter from the Colonial
Veterinary Surgeon on the unsuitability of having
large cattle sheds in close proximity to each
other. Correspondence on final disposal of
City refuse. Correspondence on provision
of a boat for the conveyance of cases of
infectious disease from Kowloon to Hospitals
in Hongkong. Correspondence on liability of
Public Works Department to continue under-
taking private drainage works. An application for
house allowance in lieu of quarters. An applica-
tion that premises be registered as a dance-house.
Two applications that premises be registered as
fast-boiling establishments. Mortality Returns
for the weeks ended the 12th and 19th March,
1898. Forty-nine applications for licences and
renewal of licences to keep swine, and two
applications for licences to keep cattle.We are informed that H. R. H. Prince Henry
of Prussia has accepted an invitation from the
civil community of Hongkong to a ball to be
held in the City Hall on Tuesday, the 29th inst.
His Honour Chief Justice Sir John Carrington
has consented to act as Chairman and a repre-
sentative committee is being formed. Mr.
David Wood is hon. secretary of the invitation
committee.The final for the Hongkong Football Challenge
Shield will be played off on Saturday next March
25th at half-past four. The struggle is between
G. Company, K. O. R. and 25th Company S. D.
R. A. A large number of seats will be provided
for ladies. Mrs. Black has kindly consented to
present the Challenge Shield and the eleven gold
medals to the winning team. Mr. J. W. Oliver
will referee.THERE is a movement in Chicago for the enrol-
ment of women as police. "Two hundred uni-
formed women as policemen in Chicago," we
are told, "would do more towards the elimi-
nation of crime than many times that number of
men." Yet it might introduce a new offence
into the charge sheets. "Prisoner was very
disorderly on the way to the station, and
repeatedly kissed the officers, who had charge of
him."IN RUSSIA a child of 10 years of age cannot go
away from home to school without a passport.
Nor can common servants and peasants go away
from where they live without one. A gentleman
residing in Moscow or St. Petersburg cannot
receive the visit of a friend who remains many
hours without notifying the police. The porters
of the houses are compelled to make returns of
the arrival and departure of strangers, and for
every one of the above passports a charge is
made of some kind.WILL it ever be definitely known who is the
oldest man alive? Frenchmen say that the
oldest living man is a Frenchman. First he
was 108 years of age, then he turned up in
Auvergne at the age of 110. It now appears
that, although a Frenchman, he does not live
in France, but at Oran, in Algeria. He is a M.
Tremouillet, and his age is 126. He was cap-
tured by pirates in 1789, and until 1837 lived
the life of an Arab. Then he settled in Oran,
and, according to the "Gaulois," which gives
his biography, became an officer and a man of
fashion.OLD JOHN WARD, who was pilloried by Pope in
the "Dundee," and who actually stood in the
pillory in the year 1737 when he was said to
have been over 100 years of age, was, nevertheless,
a pious man, says "Household Words." He
had large estates in London and Essex, and
did not omit to pray for their welfare in the fol-
lowing manner:—"O Lord, I beseech Thee to
preserve the two counties of Middlesex and
Essex from fire and earthquake; and as I have
a mortgage in Hertfordshire, I beg Thee likewise
to have an eye of compassion on that county;
and for the rest of the counties deal with them
as Thou pleasest."THE estate to which the Earl of Yarmouth is
heir does not comprise very big things for that
young man. This week his father, the Marquess
of Emsford, had to inform his neighbors that he
was unable to keep up the family seat, Ragley, as
it should be kept, and consequently had had to let
it. Fortune has hardly been kind to the present
line of the Emsfords. When the fourth Mar-
quess died, he left his successor everything but
the house of Ragley. The fifth Marquess, who
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CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The twentieth ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of the above company was held at noon to-day. Hon. J. J. Bell-irving presided and there were also present Hon. E. R. Bellios, Messrs. C. S. Sharp, D. Gubbay, F. A. Gomes and A. Haupt (Consulting Committee), G. Murray Bais, F. Henderson, R. C. Wilcox, J. McGregor Forbes, K. McK. Ross, D. Landale, W. G. Winterburn, G. C. Master, J. R. Michael, A. Ross, B. Lynton, Dr. Brown, Ho Fok, Ho Tong, J. Barton (Secretary) and others.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, with your permission we will, as usual, take the Report and Accounts which have now been in your hands some days as read. The course of business during the year was, I regret to say, somewhat checkered, as we were beset with many difficulties. In consequence of an enormous demand for sugar, the price of sugar was high during January and part of February, but during the next five months sales improved considerably, and there seemed a reasonable prospect that the results of the year would not be disappointing. But, gentlemen, this more cheerful prospect was not to be continued for in August Raw Sugar in the Philippines became scarce and dearer, and demand for Spic simultaneously fell off to such an extent, that it again became prudent to close our Refinery for over two months, thus practically reducing our working year to one of 8 months. I should be very pleased if I could hold out hopes that the results of the current year promised well, but I cannot disguise from you the fact that the outlook is not at the moment a cheerful one. Owing to the low price and large production of Beet Sugar in Europe brought about by the Bionny system the demand for the Company's products in Spain is undoubtedly falling off, and it is evident that in the immediate future we shall have to depend largely upon local sales of the Refinery's production in Manila, and other Eastern markets. To enable us to sell with profit in markets other than Manila, our Raw Sugar must be cheap, but unfortunately at present owing to an outbreak of cattle disease in Philippine Islands the Raw material has advanced in value as not only is actual production interfered with, but transport difficult. A further cause for anxiety is the recent renewal of the outbreak against the Spanish authorities in the Lurion Province, which threatens to assume serious proportions, and is threatening all business. In this connection, I may mention, however, that during the last outbreak the rebels scrupulously respected the property of the Company, although fighting was going on in its immediate vicinity, and I can only hope that they will continue to do so. From what I have said you will realize that prospects at the moment are not encouraging, but you may rest assured that no effort will be spared to endeavour to bring about a better state of things. Before moving the adoption of the report I shall be pleased to answer any questions.

There being no question the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Bellios seconded. Carried.

Mr. Co. proposed that Messrs. J. H. Lewis and D. Gilles be re-appointed to the Consulting Committee. Mr. Ho Tong seconded. Carried.

Proposed by Mr. Barlow and seconded by Mr. Ho Tong that Mr. Thomas Arnold be re-elected Auditor. Carried.

The Chairman—Gentlemen, this concludes the business. Dividend warrants will be sent out to-morrow morning.

THE LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LTD.

The thirteenth ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of the above company was held at the office of the general agents, at 12.30 to-day. Hon. J. J. Bell-irving presided, and there were also present Messrs. J. H. Lewis, D. Gilles (Consulting Committee), J. H. Co., Hon. E. R. Bellios, Ho Tong, K. McK. Ross, Barlow, D. Landale, A. R. Eschler, J. Barton (Secretary) and others.

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ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

10TH CLUB RACE.
March 20th, 1898.
Course—Kowloon Rock, Channel Rocks, Meyers bay, Kowloon Rock, Channel Rocks, all to starboard, 20 miles.
Starters—1, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9, 10, 11.
The second class started at 1.20 and the first class at 1.30.
The boats got off very well together in their classes, with a strong east wind, all the boats were reefed. *Phoebe* and *Ladybird* double reefed. The second class boats kept together all through the race but in the class *Maid Marian* soon got into first place. *Erica* and *Chanticleer* went too far into Causeway Bay and had to reach Hong Hom point with free sheets, but arrived at the first mark second and third in their class with *Actis* next. This mark was rounded at 3 by *Dart* with *Payne*. *Ladybird* and *Maid Marian* within a few lengths, *Erica* and *Chanticleer* being about 1 and 2 minutes behind respectively. In the heat on 1 Channel Rocks *Ladybird*, *Chanticleer* and *Erica* got into close company having passed both *Payne* and *Dart*. *Maid Marian* was here about 2 minutes ahead which was increased to about 5 minutes on the run down to Meyers bay, thanks to a luffing match between *Chanticleer* and *Erica*. *Chanticleer* declined to jibe at the buoy and in getting round was passed by all the boats but *Phoebe* but in the reach to Kowloon Rock and beat to Channel Rocks she again got into third place. A quick run down with a stronger wind brought the boats to the finish.
Maid Marian—3.36.51 first 10 points, total 62
Erica—3.41.30 second 4 " " 60
Chanticleer—3.45.50 third 1 " " 7
Actis—3.46.59 " " 4
Phoebe—3.48.13 " " 4
Maid Marian—3.47.35 first 10 " " 73
Dart—3.49.50 second 4 " " 32
Payne—3.51.33 third 1 " " 51
Subject to an enquiry.

PATCHWORK VERSES.

"One kiss, dear said," I said, and sighed—
(Coleridge).
Out of those lips unborn joy—(Longfellow).
She shook her stargate round her head—
(Stoddard).
And laughed in merry scorn—(Tennyson).
Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky—(Tennyson).
'Tis, 'tis at night by the castle clock—
(Coleridge).
Beloved, we must part—(Alice Cary).
"Come back, come back!" he cried in grief—
(Campbell).
My eyes are dim with tears—(Bayard Taylor).
How shall I live through all these days—
(Osgood).
Or through a hundred years?—(T. S. Perry).
The laughing bride roses blow—(Palmore).
To dress her dark brown hair—(Bayard Taylor).
My heart is breaking with my woe—(Tennyson).
Most beautiful, most rare—(Read).
I clasped it on her sweet, cold hand—(Brown).
The precious golden link—(Smith).
I calmed her fears and she was calm—
(Coleridge).
Drink, pretty creature, drink—(Wordsworth).
And so I won my Greville—(Coleridge).
And walked in Paradise—(Hervey).
The latest thing that ever grew—(Wordsworth).
Alas! and the above—(Osgood).

NOT A N D A .

CALENDAR.	
MARCH.	
Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1893.	
Barometer	30.059
Thermometer	62.0
Humidity	85.0
Rainfall	4.08
TO-DAY.	
Wednesday, 23rd March, 1898.	
Chinese—2nd of 3rd moon of 24th year of Kwong-si.	
Jewish—29th Adar, 5658.	
Mohammedan—29th Shawwal, 1316.	
Sun—Rises	5.49 a.m.
Sets	5.49 p.m.
High water—Morning	5.49 a.m.
Afternoon	1.18 p.m.
Low water—Morning	1.18 a.m.
Afternoon	5.49 p.m.
ANNIVERSARIES.	
1839—Captain Elliot forced his way to Canton.	
1897—Collapse of a building in East Street, Hongkong, 1 man killed, 5 injured.	
TO-MORROW.	
Thursday, 24th March, 1898.	
Chinese—3rd of 3rd moon of 24th year of Kwong-si.	
Jewish—1st Nisan, 5659.	
Mohammedan—1st Dhu'l-hajja, 1316.	
Sun—Rises	5.49 a.m.
Sets	5.49 p.m.
High water—Morning	5.49 a.m.
Afternoon	1.18 p.m.
Low water—Morning	1.18 a.m.
Afternoon	5.49 p.m.
ANNIVERSARIES.	
1603—Queen Elizabeth died.	
1842—First number of the <i>Friend of China</i> and <i>Hongkong Gazette</i> issued.	
1876—The <i>Asiatic</i> sailed near Choles; 2 persons drowned.	
1889—Fire at Ichang; between 600 and 700 houses destroyed.	
1891—The first section of Manila-Dagupan Railway opened.	
1895—Attempted assassination of Li Hong-chang at Shimonoseki.	
1897—Four hundred Armenians massacred at Tokat.	
MEMORANDA.	
TO-DAY, 23rd March.	
9 p.m.—Performance of "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray" by the Brough Company.	
TO-MORROW, 24th March.	
Australian mail due.	
4.15 p.m.—Meeting of Sanitary Board.	
9 p.m.—Performance of "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray" by the Brough Company.	
FRIDAY, 25th March.	
9 p.m.—Performance of "The Passport" by the Brough Company.	
SATURDAY, 26th March.	
American mail due.	
11 a.m.—French mail closes.	
Non— <i>Queen</i> leaves for Europe.	
4.30 p.m.—Final tie for the Football Challenge Shield at Happy Valley between 25th Co., S.D. R.A. and G. Co. K.O.R.	
9 p.m.—Performance of "The Passport" by the Brough Company.	
SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.	
MAILS DUE.	
Australian (Guthrie) to-morrow.	
American (Guthrie) 26th inst.	
French (Saluste) 27th inst.	
Australian (Yamashiro Maru) 27th inst.	
American (City of Peking) 30th inst.	
American (Doric) 9th prox.	
Tacoma (Tacoma) 11th prox.	
THE P. & O. steamer <i>Hydaspes</i> left Singapore for this port at 6 a.m. to-day, the 23rd inst.	
THE Agents (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.) inform us that the "Ben" line steamer <i>Bengal</i> , from Antwerp and London, left Singapore for this port yesterday, the 22nd inst.	
SHIPPING RETURNS.	
From 5 p.m. yesterday to 5 p.m. to-day.	
ARRIVALS.	
<i>Sutrang</i>	steamer, from Calcutta
<i>Ash</i>	" " " " "
<i>Empress of China</i>	" " " " "
<i>Wingong</i>	" " " " "
<i>Hainan</i>	" " " " "
<i>Hainan</i>	" " " " "
<i>Astral</i>	" " " " "
<i>Kanagawa Maru</i>	" " " " "
Aggregating 13,508 tons register.	
DEPARTURES.	
<i>Nanyang</i>	steamer, for Swatow
<i>Hainan</i>	" " " " "
<i>Hainan</i>	" " " " "
<i>Hainan</i>	" " " " "
<i>City of Peking</i>	" " " " "
<i>Elphinstone</i>	" " " " "
<i>Dian</i>	" " " " "
<i>Misoo</i>	" " " " "
<i>Kanagawa Maru</i>	" " " " "
Aggregating 1,947 tons register.	
HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.	
<i>Dulan</i>	at Kowloon Dock
<i>Propontis</i>	" " " " "
<i>Dichland</i> (H.L.G.M.S.)	" " " " "
<i>Sikh</i>	" " " " "
<i>Lahin</i>	" " " " "
<i>K. Aquila</i> (H.L.G.M.S.)	" " " " "
<i>San Yacquin</i>	" " " " "
<i>Tordenshoed</i>	" " " " "
<i>Copile</i>	" " " " "
SWATOW.	
Arrivals.	
Mar. 21 <i>Taihang</i>	Hongkong, L. & H.
20 <i>Taihang</i>	Amoy, J. M. & Co.
21 <i>Formosa</i>	Hongkong, J. M. & Co.
Departures.	
Mar. 21 <i>Taihang</i>	Dali, L. & H.
21 <i>Formosa</i>	Amoy, J. M. & Co.
21 <i>Formosa</i>	Hongkong, J. M. & Co.
IN PORT—H.M.S. <i>Rudolf</i> (surveying vessel).	
FAIRED THE CANAL.	
OUTWARD—15th Feb.— <i>Ross Castle</i> , 18th February— <i>Shanghai, Telamon, Mantle, Andalusia, Avala</i> , 2nd Feb.— <i>Bengal, Bowhead, St. Mary, Wally</i> , 25th Feb.— <i>Salante, Queen Olga, Queen Margaret</i> , 1st March— <i>Antenor, Canada, St. Andrews</i> , 4th March— <i>Formosa, Madag, Kinkin, Glenhurst, Ring</i> , 11th March— <i>Amoy, J. M. & Co.</i>	

HOW THE STARFISH EATS OYSTERS.

The starfish not only eats oysters, but eats them with such relish that his depredations amount to nearly as much as those of man. Careful calculations show that in one set of American beds alone the damage done by starfishes amounted in three years to nearly fifty hundred thousand dollars! And yet the oyster is not an easy bird to tackle. A trained oysterer, by dint of long practice, acquires the art of insinuating a blade so far into its shell that the oyster after a while succumbs to its rapidly; but the average man, armed with a kitchen knife, is roused to talk mere "blue point" than he can possibly open in the equivalent space of time. The fact is that considerable force, nicely adjusted, is requisite to open an oyster against its will, and it is puzzled many people to know how the starfish does it. The mystery has been solved by Dr. Paul Schlemmer, a German, whose paper is published in the *Journal of the Marine Biological Association*. There are six ways in which the least might be accomplished. One is by surprise, but scholars know enough about their accuracy to be wary much on the alert when their doors are open. A mere change of light will cause them instantly to shut to, and a starfish would be about the last thing likely to catch its prey in this manner. Next comes (2) siege. It has been suggested that the starfish sits down and waits until the oyster is compelled to open its shell by hunger and want of air. Apart from the fact that the starfish, too, might grow hungry, this game would not profit much, for any time that the starfish fastened its oyster cap, it would inevitably be bitten off. Hypothesis (3) has been seriously thought of. Many creatures are hypnotised simply by being stood for some time in an unusual position. Experiment, however, shows that the oyster is not one of them. It is possible (4) that the starfish may secrete an acid, or possess a boring apparatus, with which to effect an opening in the shell. No traces of such an acid have ever been detected, and the only holes ever found in oysters are made by a gastropod, not by starfish. So we come to a further suggestion (5) that the starfish pours a poison over or into the shell of the oyster, whereby its strength is overcome. This has long been a favorite theory, but Dr. Schlemmer has utterly disproved it, by recasting molluscs before they are devoured and putting them back into the water, when they live as if nothing had ever disturbed their glistening existence. There only remains, then, force, which is the sixth explanation, and Dr. Schlemmer has shown most ingeniously not only that it is the right one, but exactly how it is applied. The starfish in question is of the kind known as *Asterias*, and possesses a number of sucker-like feet under its branching arms. With these it obtains a firm grip on both shells of the oyster, at the side farthest removed from the hinge. Very deliberately, for nothing is gained by hurrying, it bumps itself at the middle, bringing simultaneously a considerable outward attraction to bear on the shells. The force is not enough to suddenly wrench the oyster apart, but combined with time it attains its object. Fifteen to twenty minutes on the rack are generally as much as the oyster can stand. At the end of that time his adductor muscles give out and he opens. Then the beautiful organism of the *Asterias* comes into play. He is an accurate creature by nature, not conventionally built for eating oysters. He has no means of getting an oyster into his stomach. Mohammed-like, therefore, he sends his stomach to the oyster. The entire apparatus with a suction-pump at the end is projected, and in a few minutes the oyster is entirely consumed and digested, outside the body of the starfish. To such strange uses can our organs come under the workings of natural selection. The force exerted by a starfish when pulling has been tested in various ways and found to equal 15 pounds. To open an oyster under such or even harder work would probably be required, but size makes a great deal of difference. Starfishes will never tackle an oyster that looks too strong for them.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

THINGS SLOWLY LEARNED.

There is a man in Scotland who used to write many readable and instructive things. He signed himself "A. C. Gray" and a large portion of his work. One of his essays is entitled, "Things Slowly Learned," a good line of thought for anybody.

Well, here is one of the things slowly learned—that disease doesn't jump on a man like a wild cat of a tree, but develops from seeds and conditions, just as roses and weeds do. We who write and print the essays of which these lines are one, have said this a hundred times; but all the people don't seem to have thoroughly grasped the idea yet.

For if Mr. Theodore Tinsley, alone had done so, he wouldn't have suffered ten years from attacks of rheumatic fever. In November, 1891, he says he had fearful time with it. He tells us in a letter that he had dreadful pains all over his body, and was so sore he couldn't bear anything to touch him. Even the bedclothes hurt him, like a feather against a sore eye. "I got little or no sleep," he says, "tossing all night long, and trying to get ease by a shift of position."

"I had a foul taste in the mouth, and spat up a great quantity of slimy phlegm. My appetite left me, and the little food I forced down gave me great pain at the chest and sides. For five months I was confined to my room, most of the time unable to leave my bed, and what I suffered during that time I have no words to describe."

Any one who has ever been through that sort of thing can easily believe what Mr. Tinsley says, for when every muscle and joint in a man's body is throbbing with inflammation, it isn't any common collection of words that can set forth his feelings. It is agony and torment in the supreme degree. Yet we ought to know better than to have it. But we don't—yet.

"I was perfectly helpless," continues our friend, "and could neither sit up nor lie down. The people had to work me from one side of the bed to the other. Month after month I was laid up and suffering in this way. I had a doctor attending me, but he wasn't able to do much to relieve me."

"Finally, to cut the story short, I came to hear of Mother Selge's Curative Syrup. I read about it in a book that was left at my house. The book said this medicine was good for rheumatism, and as my wife got me a bottle from Mr. Ford, the grocer, at Oakhill. After taking it for week I felt great relief. Then I kept on taking it and not long afterwards I found it had cured me! It had completely driven the rheumatism out of my system. I am willing you should publish these facts, and you can refer my inquiries to the Editor (Signed), Theodore Tinsley (Wagon and Horse Line), Doubling, Shropshire, 1st, November 2nd, 1893."

Now let's hark back a moment. To the thoughtful reader Mr. Tinsley's story may look a trifle confused and mixed. That is, he describes the symptoms of rheumatism proper in connection with a lot of other symptoms which wouldn't seem at the first blush to have anything to do with rheumatism, and yet where Mr. Tinsley is right and the reader wrong. His account shows that he was a victim of chronic indigestion, dyspepsia, and torpid liver—and that covers the whole ground. Rheumatism (and this is the slowly learned lesson) is merely a nasty symptom of a dyspeptic condition of the digestive organs. As the oyster it means too much eating and drinking, results in the formation of a poisonous acid which fills the body and produces the local outbreak called rheumatism. Hence we cure it from within and not from without. And the true idea is also a new idea—do you see?

Try to get this lesson by heart. You can prevent rheumatism by Selge's Syrup; you can cure it by Selge's Syrup. But it is more desirable to prevent it—*do you see?*

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VICTORIA PRECEPTORY
A REGULAR MEETING OF THE VICTORIA PRECEPTORY will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, To-day, 23rd March, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Sir Knights are cordially invited to attend.
Hospitaller, 16th March 1898 [399]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned has received instructions from Monsieur Leon V. Car, Consul for Belgium to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION.
at his residence, 111 Crescent, ROBINSON ROAD ON.
SATURDAY the 26th March 1898.
Commencing at 3 P.M.
A LOT OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.
Comprising:—
SILK TAPESTRY and PLUSH DRAWING ROOM SUITE, OVERMANTLES with BEVELED GLASS, DINING ROOM TABLE, MOROCCO LEATHER COVERED DINING ROOM CHAIRS, SIDEBOARDS, RATTAN TABLES, CHAIRS and other FURNITURE, "ARDROBES with and without GLASS, MARBLE TOP TOILET TABLES, WASHING STANDS, TOWERLACKS, SINGLE IRON BEDS with SPRING and HAIR MATTRESSES, SIDE TABLES, WRITING DESKS, FURNISHED WARE, GLASSWARE, CROCKERY, BATHROOM and KITCHEN REQUISITES, 1 IRON COOKING STOVE, OIL STOVE etc., etc.
COTTAGE PIANO by KIRCKMANN & Co., LONDON purchased from ROBINSON & Co., expressly manufactured for this CLIMATE and in first class condition.
1 LADY'S PLUSH SEDAN CHAIR.
Catalogues ready on TUESDAY 22nd inst. On View from THURSDAY, the 24th inst. TERMS OF SALE—As Customary.
PAUL BREWITT, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1898. [409]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION.
at the residence of A. Ross Esq. 2 and 3 Canton Villas, the "Peck"
ON
WEDNESDAY, the 30th March 1898.
Commencing at 3 P.M.
the whole of the VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.
Comprising:—
TAPESTRY and PLUSH DRAWING ROOM SUITE, EASY CHAIRS, CARPETS, RUGS, SOFAS, LADY'S and Gentlemen's WRITING DESKS, BOOKCASES, OVERMANTLES, LAMPS, CHAIRS, TABLES, IRON FENDERS, EXTENSION DINING TABLE, SIDEBOARDS, WARDROBES, WASHING STANDS with MARBLE TOPS, TOILET TABLES, BEDHEADS, with SPRING and HAIR MATTRESSES, PICTURES, ORNAMENTS, GLASSWARE, CROCKERY, FLOWERSTANDS, RATTAN FURNITURE, etc., etc., etc.
COTTAGE PIANO by SCHIEDMAYER & Co.
1 INVALID'S Carrying CHAIR.
Catalogues issued prior to Sale. On view from MONDAY, 28th March. TERMS OF SALE—As Customary.
PAUL BREWITT, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1898. [422]

Intimations.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.
AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB will be held in the CLUB HOUSE on WEDNESDAY, the 30TH MARCH, 1898, at 6 P.M., for the purpose set forth in the notice posted in the Hall of the Club.
By Order,
C. H. GRACE, Secretary.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1898. [473]

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.
MEMBERS wishing to enter for the above will find lists on which to enter their names in the HONGKONG CLUB, THE NEW CLUB, and in the CRICKET PAVILION. Entries will close on the 25th inst.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1898. [388]

WANTED.

AN ASSISTANT ELECTRICAL ENGINEER Apply by letter, giving references and Copies of testimonials.
TO THE MANAGER,
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1898. [395]

LEVY HERMANOS.

DIAMOND MERCHANTS, JEWELLERS AND WATCHMAKERS.
Sole Agents in the East for the amalgamated CROWN, HUNTER and GUARDIAN CO., Ltd., DUNLOP TYRES' BICYCLES—PRICE—\$185.
A special reliable Watch made for this Climate
Quality B. \$16
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10, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Opposite the Telegraph Office.

NOW READY.

A PAMPHLET containing the Series of Articles by the *Telegraph's* Special Correspondent entitled
"HINDRANCES TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE IN KWANGTUNG AND KWANGSI"
ALSO
The new TRANSIT PASS RULES, providing for the sale of goods en route to inland markets.
PRICE, 50 CENTS PER COPY.
"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE,
No. 6, PATERSON'S HILL,
Hongkong, 18th March, 1898.

Consignees.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM TRIESTE, FIUME, PORT SAID, SUEZ, ADEN, KURRACHI, BOMBAY, PENANG & SINGAPORE.
THE Steamship
"GISELA,"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.
This vessel brings Cargo—
From Trieste, ex S.S. *Imperatrice* transhipped at Bombay.
From Venice, ex S.S. *Marittimo* and *Carlotto* transhipped at Trieste.
Optional Cargo will be discharged here unless notice to the contrary be given immediately.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Undersigned before Noon on the 25th inst., or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 25th inst. will be subject to rent.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1898. [1-w 113]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"CHUSAN,"
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.
Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
This vessel brings on Cargo—
From London, ex, ex S.S. *Anitra* and *Shannon*.
From Gwadal, ex S.S. *Kittima*.
From Calcutta, ex S.S. *Palawan*.
From Persian Gulf, ex S.S. *Palma* and *Kittima*.
Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 1 P.M. TO-DAY.
Goods not cleared by the 25th March at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.
All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognized.
H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 19th March 1898. [1-w 4]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM MIDDLESBRO, LONDON AND SINGAPORE.
THE Steamship
"MONMOUTHSHIRE,"
Captain Evans, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th inst. will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 28th inst. at 2.30 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1898. [423]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM GLASGOW LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE.
THE Company's Steamship
"OOLONG,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 25th March or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on TUESDAY, the 26th March.
No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 25th inst. will be subject to rent.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 P.M. TO-DAY.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd March,

